

# NEILL-REYNOLDS REPORT CONFIRMED

## President Sends to Congress Documents Concerning Packing House Scandal.

In a Letter to Chairman Wadsworth, of House Committee on Agriculture, Mr. Roosevelt Quotes from a Reliable Correspondent at Chicago, Who Corroborates the Stories of Filth and Disease in Packing Plants.

Washington, D. C. — In response to a request from the house committee on agriculture, President Roosevelt Friday forwarded to Representative Wadsworth, the chairman of that committee, the report made to him by a committee of the department of agriculture regarding conditions in the Chicago meat packing houses. Accompanying the report was a letter from the president in which he points out that there is no conflict in substance between the Neill-Reynolds report and that of the agricultural department experts.

Following is the text of the letter of the president to Chairman Wadsworth:

"My Dear Mr. Wadsworth: In accordance with your request I send you herewith the two reports of inspection by the committee appointed by the department of agriculture on April 5 and 13th. This committee had already been appointed when I notified the secretary that I desired that such a commission should be appointed in order to make the investigation. Subsequent complaints to me and the consideration of complaints already made showed that the charges were not only against the packing houses but also to a certain extent reflected upon the action of the government inspectors and I came to the conclusion that it was best to have an investigation by outside individuals who could not be charged with being in any way interested in the matter. Accordingly before the completion of the investigation by the department of agriculture I directed Mr. Neill and Mr. Reynolds to make an investigation, the first report of which has been laid before congress. Much testimony has been offered to us which has not been considered in this report, for Mr. Neill and Reynolds in this report confine themselves to stating in more or less summary way the facts as to which they had been eye-witnesses; and what they have said cannot be successfully controverted. Some of the ground traversed by Messrs. Neill and Reynolds is not touched upon in the report of the committee of the agricultural department. As to the ground covered in common by the reports of the two investigating committees there is no conflict in substance as to the important matters, although there is a marked difference in emphasis, this being partially due to the greater length and detail of the report of the committee of the department of agriculture. In my judgment the emphasis of the report of Messrs. Neill and Reynolds is abundantly justified by the facts.

To show the immediate and extraordinary change for the better which the mere fact of their investigation is already bringing about in the condition of the packing houses in Chicago, it is only necessary to instance the following portions of a letter received from a most competent and trustworthy witness in Chicago whose name I will give the committee if it so desires:

"On Monday I began a tour of all the great packing houses, going first to Libby's, then Swift's.

"Tuesday all the morning discussed changes that ought to be made and caught a glimpse of the awakening at Armour's. In the afternoon visited the plant with the superintendent.

"Wednesday I rested and contemplated the 'awakening' of packing town. It is miraculous. Thursday did Nelson Morris, with the superintendent. Nelson Morris has done much to make things better. By the time the next inspector arrives they will have still more new lavatories, toilet rooms, dressing rooms, etc. Cuspidors everywhere, and signs prohibiting spitting. In most, the awakening seemed to come by force from without.

"At Armour's, at my suggestion, I made no pretense of making an investigation, but frankly announced my desire to see things for myself and to get a fresh impression of conditions as I had not seen the plants since before the strike. On every hand there was indications of an almost humorous haste to clean up, repave and even to plan for future changes. New toilet rooms, new dressing rooms, new towels, etc. etc. Swift's and Armour's were both so cleaned up that I was compelled to cheer them on their way by expressing my pleasure at the changes. The sausage girls were moved upstairs where they could get sun and light, they too have dressing rooms, etc. I asked for showers and lockers for the casing workers at Armour's and got a promise that they would put them in. The canning and stuffing

room, chip beef and beef extract at Armour's seemed really quite good. In all of these rooms the girls work. At Libby's the girls are to be put into a blue calico uniform which they will buy at half price. They are putting in toilet rooms which they say are temporary and that when the building is remodeled they will have these put in a better place. The haste towards reform would have been amusing if it were not so nearly tragic.

"They tried to win my help on the ground that loss of foreign trade would mean hardship for the workers in my neighborhood and I must say I do share this fear but I cannot see the wisdom of my coming out publicly and saying that I saw indications of an awakening, for I want the changes to be radical and permanent even though we all have to suffer for the present."

I wish to repeat that my investigations are not yet through. I am not prepared to make a final statement either as to so much of the complaints as concern the management of the bureau of animal industry or as to certain of the graver charges in connection with the adulteration of meat products as well as other matters. But enough has been developed in my judgment to call for immediate thoroughgoing and radical enlargement of the powers of the government in inspecting all meats which enter into interstate and foreign commerce. Unfortunately the misdeeds of those who are responsible for the abuses we design to cure will bring discredit and damage not only upon them but upon the innocent stock growers, the ranchmen and farmers of the country. The only way permanently to protect and benefit these innocent stock growers, the farmers and ranchmen, is to secure by law the thorough and adequate inspection for which I have asked. Sincerely yours, THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

### CHICAGO PACKERS TO MOVE.

Location to Be in Indiana—City Officials Have Ordered Changes Made in Present Buildings.

Chicago, Ill.,—Rumors to the effect that a new stockyards with Sir Thomas J. Lipton of London as its chief backer is to be established near Gary, Ind., adjacent to the property of the United States Steel corporation, were in circulation Friday. Several of the best known real estate men in Chicago were named among those said to be acquiring land for the purpose. Although the story generally was discredited among the packers, it was declared that at least six plants are to be removed from Chicago to Indiana. It is said the plans include the digging of a canal to the little Calumet river for the purpose of carrying off refuse.

The building commissioner, Peter Bartz, and the sanitary commissioner, Perry L. Hedrick, served notice Friday on the packers to make improvements which it is estimated by Bartz will cost close to \$1,000,000. Bartz declared that practically all the buildings in the stock yards were erected without city building permits. He said he will ask the city council to give him fifteen special inspectors for a term of thirty days. The sanitary commissioner said the packers are willing to adopt all suggestions made by his department.

Mayor Dunne sent a letter to the Secretary of Agriculture, James Wilson, urging him to give his views in reference to the joint appointment of a committee of high grade pathologists and experts to pass on the purity of meats sent out from the stock yards. June 2 the mayor sent Mr. Wilson a telegram in regard to the matter, but he received only a brief telegraphic reply.

### Less Pay for Harvesters.

Kansas City, Mo. — Mr. Carl Schweizer, manager of the state free labor bureau, has received a letter from T. B. Gerow of Topeka, manager of the Kansas free labor bureau, asking him to arrange to send 2,500 men for the Kansas wheat harvest. The pay this year is lower than it was last year. Last year it ranged from \$2 to \$3.50 a day. This year the rate quoted is from \$1.50 to \$2.

Governor Ide announces that a province will be formed of Manila, for the purpose of giving the city representation in the Filipino assembly. The original plan was that Manila like the District of Columbia, should have no representation in the national assembly.

## MISSOURI STATE NEWS

### Was a Fake Doctor.

A new graft has been reported from Grand River township near Chillicothe. A man giving his name as "Dr. Stewart," claiming his home was in Chillicothe applied at the home of Warren W. Hull, a farmer, for lodging. To Mr. Hull he stated that he was a Chillicothe doctor and had been down the road three or four houses performing an operation for cancer; that he had been up since 2 o'clock that morning and was tired, and would take it as a great favor if the farmer would keep him over night to rest him and his team. Mr. Hull befriended the "doctor" by letting him sleep in the best room on "feathers" and stabled his jaded horses. The "doctor" arose the next morning after the farmer had gone to his fields, stole all the trinkets he could find in the house and drove away. He was overtaken and lodged in the county jail.

### Child Born in Jail.

In the Callaway county jail, in Fulton, Mrs. Alva Bailey, charged with being an accomplice of her husband Ted Bailey, of Farber, who shot and killed Jay Lawder, a wealthy mine owner of this city, last fall, gave birth to a daughter. The trial of man and wife was to have been called at the May term of court, but because of the approaching accouchement it was postponed. July 16, in a special term of court, the trial will be held. The mother and child have been removed from the jail and will remain at a private house until then.

### Defeated Candidate Wants Damages.

S. W. Dooley, attorney for D. D. Peeler, a defeated candidate for sheriff in the last democratic primary in Bates county, filed petition in the circuit court against J. A. Coombs, chairman of the democratic county committee, and James Angle, democratic nominee for sheriff, for \$1,000 damages alleging that Coombs and Angle conspired to defraud Peeler out of the nomination for sheriff. Angle was elected by one vote.

### Mountainous Faith.

The people of Aurora are said to be in dead earnest about removing the capital from Washington to that city and have great faith that it can be done, says the Brookfield Gazette. Something is said in holy writ about faith removing mountains, but we fear it will take a big job when it attempts to remove the national capital and the Washington monument.

### Alfalfa in Missouri.

E. R. Bales of Montserrat is successful in raising alfalfa, a grass hard to cultivate in Missouri. He raises three crops of two tons to the acre yearly. "Watch carefully the first year," said he, "and mow the weeds which are growing faster than the alfalfa. After this there is no danger. The alfalfa will take the lead and there will be no more weeds."

### The University Annual.

The Savitar, the Missouri university annual, this year is dedicated to Mark Twain, who was born in Missouri and has a degree from the university at Columbia. The book contains a letter from Mr. Clemens thanking the students for dedicating the book to him. Homer Croy, the young humorist from Maryville, is the editor-in-chief.

### Will Use the River.

The Kansas City Commercial club has endorsed a plan to establish a freight service on the Missouri river with three big boats carrying 800 tons of freight each. Twenty committees are to collect \$300,000 in stock subscriptions for the enterprise. The boats can be built and the service begun inside of a year, it was claimed.

### Missouri Jamestown Building.

The Missouri commission for the Jamestown exposition, after conferring with Gov. Folk, has decided on plans for the state building, which is to be somewhat similar in construction to the Missouri building at the Lewis and Clark exposition in Portland.

### Condition of Wheat Crop.

The condition of the wheat crop of Missouri declined 10 points in May, owing to the drought according to the June crop report issued by Secretary Ellis. The condition on June 1st was 77, compared with 81 a year ago. No rust has been reported.

### An Independence Campmeeting.

A camp meeting is to be held in Independence from June 10 to 24. The tent will be pitched at the corner of Maple avenue and Osage street. A male quartette will furnish the music and Rev. Mr. Kirkland of Kansas, will conduct the services.

### For Good Missouri Roads.

The interstate good roads meeting at Chillicothe, under the direction of the state board of agriculture, will be held September 2 to 8.

### CONDEMNED MUCK RAKER.

Princeton Graduates Are Admonished to Be Sane and See That Good Men Do Not Go Unhonored.

Princeton, N. J. — Baccalaureate sermon of Princeton commencement was delivered Sunday in Alexander hall by Dr. H. Van Dyke.

Dr. Van Dyke spoke on "The Contagion of Virtue," taking his text from Philippians, IV., 3: "If there be any virtue and if there be any praise think of these things." He said the "lightning of exposure has been striking in dark places and playing havoc with houses that were upon lies."

"Voices of despair are heard," he said, "crying that all is rotten." On the other side he said conservative and soothing voices are heard protesting against the tempest. He admonished the graduating class to take their stand with those who are both awake and sane; those who desire that no good men shall go unhonored, as earnestly as they wish that no guilty man shall go unpunished. He condemned the "muck raker" and said: "If indeed the age be critical, suspicious, censorious, let us then strengthen ourselves by the contagion of virtue to play the better part. Let us cast in our lot not with the destroyers, but with the fulfillers."

### Dowie Appeared in Court.

Chicago, Ill. — John Alexander Dowie, founder of Zion City, and first apostle of the Christian Catholic church, was the star witness Tuesday in the trial of the issue of who is the owner of Zion City, before Judge Landis in the United States circuit court. As "Dr." Dowie was wheeled in a chair to the witness stand the ravages of the disease from which he is suffering was plainly evident in his wasted body. Dowie, who appeared in court attended by 20 of his followers, told his story in a clear voice, always addressing the court. Dowie's testimony was in the main a recital of the history of his life up to the time he was deposed by General Overseer Voliva.

### The Missouri Going Wild.

Blair, Neb. — The Missouri river is threatening to take a new course and go five miles into Iowa. The trouble has been on for a week and two hundred men have worked day and night to prevent the threatened change. But Friday night the current changed still more towards the Iowa side and a portion of the dike five hundred feet long was washed away. The Northwestern railroad has placed one thousand men and teams at work to protect its bridge and tracks and all day Saturday, Saturday night and Sunday the work has continued at top speed. Blair is about thirty-five miles north of Omaha.

### Two Cents a Mile on All Roads.

Washington, D. C. — Representative Sherman of New York introduced a bill Tuesday providing that the passenger rate on all railroads in the United States doing an interstate business shall be two cents a mile effective January 1 next. A uniform system of mileage books is provided for which shall be on sale by all roads, good on any road. The books are to contain coupons for from 1,000 to 5,000 miles, one coupon for each mile. They shall be good for the checking of baggage and for passage on all passenger trains.

### Tucker Was Electrocut.

Boston, Mass. — Charles L. Tucker was electrocuted at 12:12 Tuesday morning for the murder of Mabel Page. Tucker was officially pronounced dead by the prison doctors at 12:19. Three applications of the current were made. The electrocution of Charles L. Tucker marked the final chapter in the history of the murder of Mabel Page at her home in Weston, March 31, 1904, and also marked the close of the most desperate legal battle ever waged in Massachusetts for the life of a convicted murderer.

### Death of T. E. Dewey.

Topeka, Kansas. — Thomas Emmett Dewey, supreme court reporter, dropped dead of heart trouble at his home in this city at 8 o'clock Saturday morning. Mr. Dewey had been feeling poorly for some time and had recently returned from a trip to Excelsior Springs, Mo. He was around town Friday evening and was in better health than usual when the stroke came which ended his life in a flash.

### Conditions in Mexico Bad.

Mexico City, Mex. — Gov. Landis of the federal district, Dr. Licaga, president of the superior board of health, and other officials have been inspecting the methods of slaughtering animals for the supply of the city market. They will as a result of their personal inspection institute much needed reforms.

### Missouri Rate Case Continued.

St. Louis, Mo. — The St. Louis hearing, begun Monday in the maximum rate case, under the injunction suit brought in the federal court by the 13 proprietary railroads to test the Missouri maximum freight rate law has been continued to July 16 to enable a number of railroads to prepare statements.

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### DIAMOND DEALER'S MISTAKE

One of His Own Gems, But He Failed to Recognize the Sparkler.

"Will you please examine this diamond," said a man who had stepped into a jeweler's shop, "and tell me what you think of it? If it is a good stone, I think I will buy it."

The jeweler took the gem, which was unset, and looked at it critically for a moment. Then in a confidential tone he said:

"Well, to tell you the truth, that isn't a very good stone. It hasn't much fire, it is badly cut, and there is something here very much like a flaw." Then he held the diamond under a microscope and examined it carefully, finally observing: "No, it isn't exactly a flaw, but I shouldn't call it a perfect stone. Now, if you want something really fine, here—"

"Excuse me," the other man interrupted. "I don't think I'll buy a diamond to-day. This is a diamond that one of your assistants let me take Saturday on approval. I deposited \$10 on it. Please let me have my money, and we will declare the deal off."

### COMMERCIAL CULLINGS.

The quantity of frozen meat exported from Argentina last year was 3,325,124 carcasses of sheep and lambs, and 1,922,757 quarters of beef.

The mineral production of France consists of lead, zinc, copper, coal and lignite. Iron, antimony, arsenic and salt. An immense quantity of building stone and slate is quarried. The cement and phosphate production is large, aggregating sums far up in the millions of dollars. Coal is the chief mineral product.

In the year 1890 Germany sent about \$10,710,000 in silks to the United States and Japan sent \$1,190,000 worth. In 1904-5 Germany sent about \$4,938,000 of silk goods to the United States, while Japan sent \$5,593,000 worth. Japanese exports of silk goods have tripled within ten years, increasing from \$7,470,000 in 1895 to \$22,410,000 in 1904-5, and the ascending movement continues.

### Nothin' Doin'.

"Want 'ny ice?"  
"It's fresh?"  
"Yep."  
"Bring me up a two-cent chunk."  
"Where 're ye at?"  
"Six floor, back."  
"Gee awp!"—Judge.

### BUILDING FOOD

#### To Bring the Babies Around.

When a little human machine (or a large one) goes wrong, nothing is so important as the selection of food to bring it around again.

"My little baby boy fifteen months old had pneumonia, then came brain fever, and no sooner had he got over these than he began to cut teeth and, being so weak, he was frequently thrown into convulsions," says a Colorado mother.

"I decided a change might help, so took him to Kansas City for a visit. When we got there he was so very weak when he would cry he would sink away and seemed like he would die.

"When I reached my sister's home she said immediately that we must feed him Grape-Nuts and, although I had never used the food, we got some and for a few days gave him just the juice of Grape-Nuts and milk. He got stronger so quickly we were soon feeding him the Grape-Nuts itself and in a wonderfully short time he fattened right up and became strong and well.

"That showed me something worth knowing and, when later on my girl came, I raised her on Grape-Nuts and she is a strong healthy baby and has been. You will see from the little photograph I send you what a strong, chubby youngster the boy is now, but he didn't look anything like that before we found this nourishing food. Grape-Nuts nourished him back to strength when he was so weak he couldn't keep any other food on his stomach." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich.

All children can be built to a more sturdy and healthy condition upon Grape-Nuts and cream. The food contains the elements nature demands, from which to make the soft gray filling in the nerve centers and brain. A well-fed brain and strong, sturdy nerves absolutely insure a healthy body.

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